

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| In re Application of: | Robert Vincent Cox et al.                             |
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| Group Art Unit:       | 2142  |
| Confirmation No.:     | 1169`   |
| Examiner:             | Ailes, Benjamin A.                                    |
| Title:                | <b>SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR<br/>VALIDATING A NETWORK</b> |

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Dear Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 5, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

**Amendments to Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.